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**Statutory Authority:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics; Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name:* American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics.

*Date and Time:* Thursday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.—4:45 p.m. Friday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn-Capitol, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 426-1101.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of Committee

To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's expertise concerning other energy statistical matters.

##### Tentative Agenda

*Thursday, April 23, 1998*

- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Greenhouse Gases and Analysis
- C. Modeling the New England Power Pool
- D. An Introduction to Web-site Related Challenges
- E. Public Comment

*Friday, April 24, 1998*

- A. Addressing Declining Budgets with Improved Survey Technologies
- B. Future Electric Power Data

C. Efforts to Minimize Impacts of Deregulation on Respondent Cooperation

D. Public Comment

E. Closing Comments by the Chairperson

##### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

##### Transcripts

Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, (Room 1E-190), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 30, 1998.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-284-000]

#### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

March 27, 1998.

Take notice that on March 17, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124 filed in Docket No. CP98-284-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain measurement facilities at the Ventura Measurement Station (Ventura Station) located near Ventura, Iowa, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Northern Border proposes to abandon nine 12-inch meter runs, the run pipe and valves for a tenth meter run, the inlet and outlet headers and appurtenances at the Ventura Station. Northern Border states that the existing measurement facilities are no longer required a Northern Border is

installing a single 30-inch ultrasonic meter at the Ventura Station to accommodate the measurement of natural gas delivered at the Ventura Station. Northern Border asserts that the existing orifice meters are functioning near operational limits and the abandonment of these existing measurement facilities and the installation of the ultrasonic meter will result in reduced operation and maintenance expenses. Northern Border indicates that the estimated cost of removal of the facilities is \$10,000 and the estimated salvage value of the facilities is \$380,599.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 17, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northern Border to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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